

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A ~~pressure sensitive adhesive for single-sided or double-sided adhesive~~ redetachable sheet strip ~~strips which is~~ are redetachable from substrates without residue or destruction by extensive stretching in the plane of the bond, the redetachable sheet strip comprising a pressure sensitive adhesive composed of a mixture comprising a block copolymer and a tackifier, wherein at least one superabsorbent which is swellable in H₂O is incorporated into the mixture in an amount of from 0.5 to 20% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive, wherein the block copolymer is incorporated into the mixture in an amount of from 20% to 70% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one superabsorbent is present in an amount of from 2 to 8% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive.

Claim 5 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1 comprising one or more further swellable compounds.

Claim 6 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.

Claim 7 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one additive.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 5, wherein said superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.